

July 29, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John W. Hanes, Jr.
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Department of State

In connection with our conversation today, what do you think of this modification of Item 3 in Professor Rostow's letter to Mr. Cutler.

1. Prepare a list of organizations and individuals having the background and competence to suggest agenda items.
2. Ask these, when so moved, to make suggestions to a small group picked from the list to act as a preliminary clearing house.
3. Have this group forward the suggestions they think deserve consideration to Bobby.
4. Have the suggestions staffed through the Planning Board for consideration by the NSC.

Obviously this arrangement would have to be on a trial basis and could not handle a large volume of business. However, it seems to me that it would provide a means for the consideration of ideas while avoiding difficulties inherent in having a new and different staff.

Will you please give the attached copy to Bob Bowle.

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to the President